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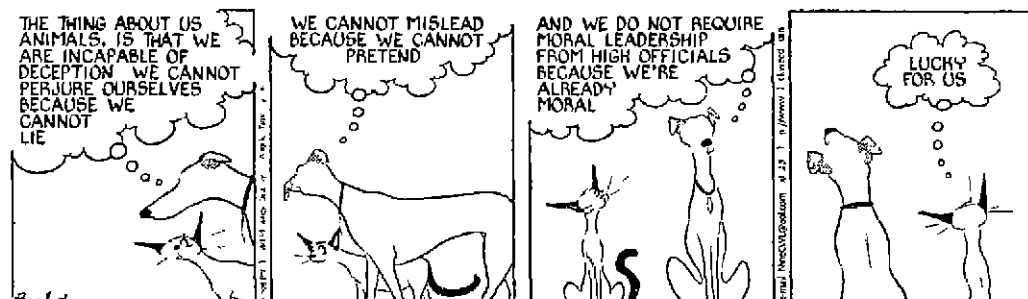
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



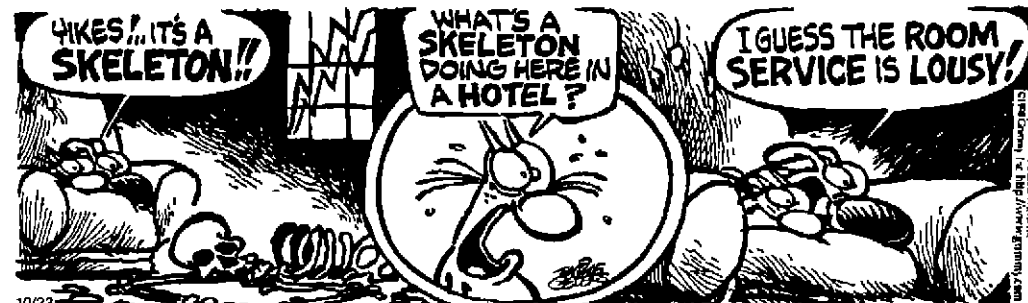
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



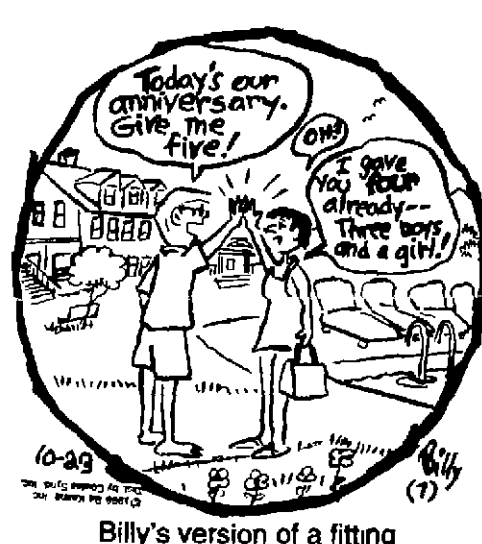
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



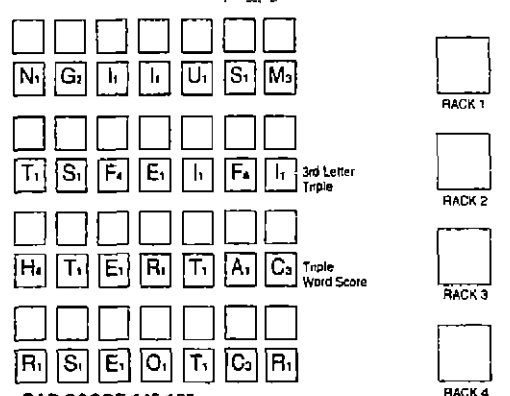
Today's Birthdays

Former Tonight Show host **Johnny Carson** is 73.
Movie director **Socor great Pele** is 58.
Author **Michael Crichton** is 56.
Rhythm-and-blues singer **Barbara Ann Hawkins** (The Dixie Cups) is 55.
Country singer **Dwight Yoakam** is 42.
Parodist **"Weird Al" Yankovic** is 39.
Rhythm-and-blues singer **David Thomas** (Take 6) is 32.
Country singer-musician **Junior Bryant** (Ricochet) is 30.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Banks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-23-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

The cutting edge



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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Oct. 24, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make sure you choose wisely an important relationship might hang in the balance.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Attending to matters now will leave you much freer in the long run.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be too rigid as the element of surprise is likely working in your favor.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to hide in your shell for the time being, and others will understand this.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Keep the good will flowing, but stop bending over backward trying to be nice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Let go of an issue that has been angering you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If everything goes your way there will be champagne, roses and candlelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Even if you're not a therapist by trade, the world will be knocking at your door for solutions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Leap into the center of a social vortex, you never know who you might end up whirling around with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't be afraid to ask for more time if you can't meet a deadline and provide quality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Productivity might be hampered if you continue to try to solve the world's problems.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Others are quick to draw their conclusions from mere shards of evidence.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

The Splitter Raise promises an excellent hand, very good four-card support and a singleton in the suit bid (sometimes a void). Opposite a known club singleton in partner's hand South should have recognized the duplication of values and contented himself with a vulnerable game, but he cue-bid the club ace. North cue-bid the diamond ace, and East's double clarified matters for the defense. West dutifully led his diamond eight, and South played as if he hadn't heard. East's double—he finessed dummy's diamond queen. East won and returned the suit and game chances disappeared. South lost two diamonds and a spade for one down. South could have recovered had he made a simple play at trick one. Instead of playing dummy's diamond queen, he should have ducked in dummy, allowing East to win his 10. East cannot build another diamond trick, and South has time to draw trumps and set up dummy's spades to score 11 tricks.

Vulnerable Both Dealer North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♣*	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♣	DN!	5♥	All pass

*Splitter Raise

Opening lead: Diamond eight

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0911

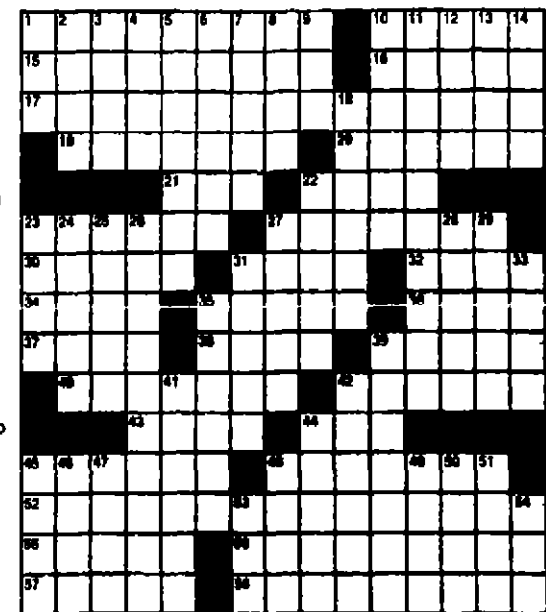
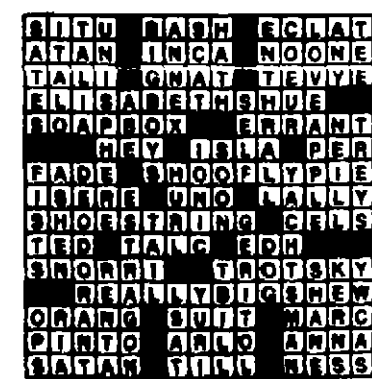
ACROSS

- 1 Like major channels
- 10 Term ender
- 18 Tartish
- 19 "Waterworld" girl
- 17 Singles bar acquisition
- 18 Notwithstanding
- 20 Texas college or its locale
- 21 Kind of agent
- 22 Spoon handle
- 23 Upright
- 27 Dismissed
- 28 Palm Springs and others
- 29 Like some forces in the Balkans
- 32 Range
- 34 Eastman invention
- 35 Bank deposit, e.g.
- 36 Against
- 37 Relative diagram
- 38 Dutch
- 39 1996 Green Party candidate for President
- 40 Quarterback known as "The Snake"
- 42 Completely new
- 43 Dudley
- 44 Do-Right's love
- 45 Night deposit?
- 46 One of Rocky's rivals
- 48 Hardly holy
- 52 "Over my dead body!"
- 55 Give one-on-one help

DOWN

- 1 Actor Pendleton
- 2 Shot one
- 3 Foul
- 4 April 13, e.g.
- 5 Rainbow fish
- 6 Pete Fountain collaborator
- 7 Fires
- 8 Moon over my arm?
- 9 Abilene-to-Waco dir.
- 10 Quarreled bitterly
- 11 Many a tribute title
- 12 Wealthy Londoners
- 13 Round in the pub
- 14 Olympic skier Magoni
- 15 Knickknack
- 16 Pillow material
- 22 Like 22-Down pillows
- 24 Luge event
- 25 Mont-Saint-Michel, e.g.
- 26 Strangulation victim of myth
- 27 — cake
- 28 "Julia" star
- 29 Without a choice in the matter

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Harvey Karp

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 31 Omphaloskepsos focus | 45 Sugar bowl team? | 49 George Sand's "—at lu" |
| 32 Gourmand's wish | 46 Displease Santa, in a way | 50 Centrifugalized |
| 33 Greek for "many" | 47 Conductor Luening | 51 Isn't off one's rocker |
| 34 60's-70's political movement | 48 Showy | 52 Diamond topper |
| 41 Where to spot a niger | | 53 Three-way joint |
| 42 More than popular | | |
| 43 Taboo | | |
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